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SUBJECT: REACTION OF DUTCH LABOR PARTY LEADERSHIP TO
ACKNOWLEDGED US ROLE IN CHILE

REF: THE HAGUE 4759

1. IN COURSE OF COURTESY CALL BY VISITING EUR/WE
BENELUX DESK OFFICER SHIRLEY SEPTEMBER 26, DUTCH LABOR
PARTY PARLIAMENTARY FLOOR LEADER VAN THIJN DESCRIBED
STRONG NEGATIVE REACTION WHICH HE AND OTHER CURRENT AND
FORMER LEADERS OF HIS PARTY HAVE TO US GOVERNMENT'S
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ITS ROLE IN CHILE.
EMPHASIZING THAT HE PERSONALLY HAD NEVER ACCEPTED EARLIER
ALLEGATIONS THAT THROUGH CIA THE US HAD INTERCEDED IN
CHILEAN AFFAIRS, VAN THIJN SAID THAT RECENT DISCLOSURES
AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS HAVE HAD EXTREMELY
DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE ATTITUDE OF HIS PARTY TOWARD
THE UNITED STATES. HE CONTRASTED THIS SITUATION WITH
THE 1950'S WHEN THE PARTY STRONGLY SUPPORTED CLOSE
DUTCH TIES WITH ITS US ALLY.

2. VAN THIJN SAID HE KNEW THAT MANY MATURE, EXPERIENCED
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POLITICIANS WERE ASKING THEMSELVES "IF THE US HAS

CARRIED OUT SURREPTITIOUS ACTIVITIES IN CHILE, ISN'T
IT POSSIBLE THAT IT IS DOING THE SAME THING IN THE
NETHERLANDS?"

3. AS EMBASSY HAD ALREADY DONE IN RESPONSE TO FOREIGN
MINISTRY COMMENTS REGARDING US INVOLVEMENT IN CHILE,
WE HAVE PROVIDED VAN THIJN WITH TEXTS OF WHITE HOUSE
AND DEPARTMENT STATEMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT.
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